GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF STORAGE FACILITIES FOR FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of storage facilities for fertilizers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the manufacturers and importers are hesitating to send their products to far of places due to non-availability of storage facilities;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to give special attention and make available the storage facilities at block level to meet the urgent demand of farmers;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The storage facilities for fertilizers in the country are, by and large, found to be adequate. However, certain localized problems of temporary nature may be experienced by some fertilizer companies especially after harvesting when the storage space is also required mainly for foodgrains.

(c): No, Sir.

(d), (e) and (f): Constraints of localised and temporary shortage in storage, if any, are not affecting the overall availability and timely supply of fertilizers to farmers.